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Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Total	Avg. per Month
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	137	172	173	117	149	119	125	136	139	133	136	165	1,701	141.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	61	68	74	49	55	46	55	70	57	62	63	74	734	61.2
% that went to IFSP	44.5%	39.5%	42.8%	41.9%	36.9%	38.7%	44.0%	51.5%	41.0%	46.6%	46.3%	44.8%	43.2%	
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	190	249	192	190	199	232	204	226	227	220	189	212	2,530	210.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	100	110	87	85	74	99	93	97	84	95	78	81	1,083	90.3
% that went to IFSP	52.6%	44.2%	45.3%	44.7%	37.2%	42.7%	45.6%	42.9%	37.0%	43.2%	41.3%	38.2%	42.8%	
Northeast (Reg. 3)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	70	82	77	64	62	48	48	54	65	67	66	76	779	64.9
Referrals resulting in IFSP	27	41	30	31	23	18	20	27	21	27	28	26	319	26.6
% that went to IFSP	38.6%	50.0%	39.0%	48.4%	37.1%	37.5%	41.7%	50.0%	32.3%	40.3%	42.4%	34.2%	40.9%	
Northwest (Reg. 4)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	124	146	122	106	111	103	102	118	100	143	89	91	1,355	112.9
Referrals resulting in IFSP	59	46	44	37	52	51	37	46	54	64	35	42	567	47.3
% that went to IFSP	47.6%	31.5%	36.1%	34.9%	46.8%	49.5%	36.3%	39.0%	54.0%	44.8%	39.3%	46.2%	41.8%	
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	156	217	178	196	170	168	172	187	177	164	156	163	2,104	175.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	75	96	71	102	78	77	78	76	70	65	69	71	928	77.3
% that went to IFSP	48.1%	44.2%	39.9%	52.0%	45.9%	45.8%	45.3%	40.6%	39.5%	39.6%	44.2%	43.6%	44.1%	
Central (Reg. 6)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	94	125	131	123	114	91	134	123	121	120	109	123	1,408	117.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	33	45	45	59	34	43	59	57	38	35	36	44	528	44.0
% that went to IFSP	35.1%	36.0%	34.4%	48.0%	29.8%	47.3%	44.0%	46.3%	31.4%	29.2%	33.0%	35.8%	37.5%	
Southwest (Reg. 7)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	54	84	73	69	58	59	90	69	67	62	55	66	806	67.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	25	35	30	30	23	24	39	30	32	32	29	25	354	29.5
% that went to IFSP	46.3%	41.7%	41.1%	43.5%	39.7%	40.7%	43.3%	43.5%	47.8%	51.6%	52.7%	37.9%	43.9%	
South Central (Reg. 8)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	116	159	144	134	129	117	125	151	160	131	120	143	1,629	135.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	44	56	59	59	42	41	47	63	59	43	43	54	610	50.8
% that went to IFSP	37.9%	35.2%	41.0%	44.0%	32.6%	35.0%	37.6%	41.7%	36.9%	32.8%	35.8%	37.8%	37.4%	
East Central (Reg. 9)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	96	135	111	84	117	117	154	114	139	110	102	111	1,390	115.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	46	43	46	35	52	53	62	48	68	50	42	47	592	49.3
% that went to IFSP	47.9%	31.9%	41.4%	41.7%	44.4%	45.3%	40.3%	42.1%	48.9%	45.5%	41.2%	42.3%	42.6%	
Southeast (Reg. 10)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	59	116	88	106	91	111	85	78	88	108	64	81	1,075	89.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	26	62	35	36	41	41	30	32	29	38	20	34	424	35.3
% that went to IFSP	44.1%	53.4%	39.8%	34.0%	45.1%	36.9%	35.3%	41.0%	33.0%	35.2%	31.3%	42.0%	39.4%	
Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE	1096	1485	1289	1189	1200	1165	1239	1256	1283	1258	1086	1231	14,777	1231.4
Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP	496	602	521	523	474	493	520	546	512	511	443	498	6,139	511.6
% that went to IFSP	45.3%	40.5%	40.4%	44.0%	39.5%	42.3%	42.0%	43.5%	39.9%	40.6%	40.8%	40.5%	41.5%	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	700	100	126	775
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	303	26	56	349
IFSP Rate	43.3%	26.0%	44.4%	45.0%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,163	86	157	1,124
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	445	23	58	557
IFSP Rate	38.3%	26.7%	36.9%	49.6%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	456	77	77	169
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	182	16	28	93
IFSP Rate	39.9%	20.8%	36.4%	55.0%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	543	52	112	648
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	209	10	47	301
IFSP Rate	38.5%	19.2%	42.0%	46.5%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	948	141	186	829
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	397	30	77	424
IFSP Rate	41.9%	21.3%	41.4%	51.1%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	813	168	131	296
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	312	20	50	146
IFSP Rate	38.4%	11.9%	38.2%	49.3%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	418	81	97	210
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	160	25	41	128
IFSP Rate	38.3%	30.9%	42.3%	61.0%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	785	263	156	425
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	309	38	71	192
IFSP Rate	39.4%	14.4%	45.5%	45.2%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	643	116	155	476
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	264	28	68	232
IFSP Rate	41.1%	24.1%	43.9%	48.7%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	542	194	1,308	228
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	212	31	537	140
IFSP Rate	39.1%	16.0%	41.1%	61.4%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,011	1,278	1,308	5,180
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	2,793	247	537	2,562
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	39.8%	19.3%	41.1%	49.5%
% by Source - Statewide	47.4%	8.6%	8.9%	35.1%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	500	81	225	127	933
	Percent	53.6%	8.7%	24.5%	13.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	760	151	293	189	1,393
	Percent	54.6%	10.8%	20.6%	13.6%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	213	17	119	45	394
	Percent	54.1%	4.3%	31.9%	11.4%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	443	10	125	48	626
	Percent	70.8%	1.6%	19.2%	7.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	720	16	246	125	1,107
	Percent	65.0%	1.4%	22.0%	11.3%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	398	45	180	61	684
	Percent	58.2%	6.6%	26.4%	8.9%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	287	20	69	40	416
	Percent	69.0%	4.8%	18.0%	9.6%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	465	92	145	79	781
	Percent	59.5%	11.8%	19.0%	10.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	472	28	194	120	814
	Percent	58.0%	3.4%	24.1%	14.7%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	350	21	117	57	545
	Percent	64.2%	3.9%	21.3%	10.5%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	4,608	481	1,713	891	7,693
	Percent	59.9%	6.3%	22.3%	11.6%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	878	37	915	6	921
	Percent	95.3%	4.0%	99.3%	0.7%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,312	46	1,358	11	1,369
	Percent	95.8%	3.4%	99.2%	0.8%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	368	24	392	1	393
	Percent	93.6%	6.1%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	568	46	614	0	614
	Percent	92.5%	7.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,072	27	1,099	0	1,099
	Percent	97.5%	2.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	605	72	677	2	679
	Percent	89.1%	10.6%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	373	42	415	0	415
	Percent	89.9%	10.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	708	62	770	0	770
	Percent	91.9%	8.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	774	21	795	1	796
	Percent	97.2%	2.6%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	490	53	543	0	543
	Percent	90.2%	9.8%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,148	430	7,578	21	7,599
	Percent	94.1%	5.7%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	3.81%	4.07%	3.28%	3.00%	3.16%	3.56%	3.23%	3.32%	3.97%	3.58%	3.53%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	2.72%	2.63%	0.60%	2.99%	1.48%	3.46%	3.10%	1.51%	3.65%	1.60%	2.51%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	4.80%	5.47%	4.99%	4.83%	3.45%	5.05%	5.93%	4.09%	7.06%	4.80%	4.76%
White											
% of Pop.	3.49%	3.39%	3.35%	2.81%	3.18%	3.39%	3.15%	3.36%	4.14%	3.08%	3.34%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	0.64%	3.95%	0.00%	0.50%	0.42%	0.52%	0.57%	0.34%	1.23%	0.73%	0.75%

*Census data (2020 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	4.44%	4.17%	2.49%	3.70%	2.95%	4.23%	3.42%	3.36%	4.30%	3.50%	3.56%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	3.77%	4.06%	3.32%	2.94%	3.20%	3.51%	3.21%	3.32%	3.96%	3.58%	3.53%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.1%	2.6%	2.5%	13.4%	8.6%	10.0%	5.8%	47.3%	9.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.3%	1.8%	4.4%	9.5%	4.7%	13.3%	5.5%	51.5%	8.9%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.3%	0.3%	3.9%	15.4%	4.9%	9.8%	7.2%	54.6%	3.6%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.4%	3.6%	4.9%	15.8%	2.3%	7.8%	5.5%	51.7%	8.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	1.6%	4.4%	13.5%	2.4%	10.4%	7.5%	50.2%	9.7%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.7%	0.7%	2.9%	16.0%	1.4%	12.9%	10.0%	50.5%	4.8%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.3%	10.5%	5.1%	17.3%	2.7%	7.3%	7.3%	43.8%	5.7%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.3%	3.8%	3.2%	18.5%	4.3%	7.7%	8.8%	43.9%	9.5%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.2%	2.3%	4.8%	14.8%	2.8%	11.9%	5.9%	50.2%	7.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.7%	0.5%	4.0%	19.9%	4.7%	11.2%	8.5%	42.5%	8.0%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.4%	2.6%	4.0%	14.7%	4.0%	10.5%	7.0%	48.8%	8.1%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.